

REMARKS

The Examiner has objected to claim 15 because of informalities. The Examiner specifically, points out that erroneous limitations exist in the claim that do not appear in Figs. 8-10. Applicants have amended claim 15 by deleting the terms ~~base portion having at least two radially extending arms extending radially beyond the diameter of said barrel member when said stud portion is mounted in said threaded bore~~ and adding “being positioned on an outer surface thereof” directly after “an alignment configuration in line 2. Applicants respectfully submit that amendment to claim 15 corrects the informality issues with claim 15 and therefore nullifies the Examiner’s objections thereof.

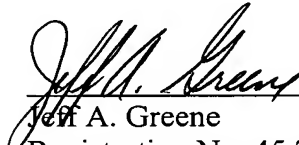
The Examiner has rejected claims 14, 15, 16 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Averette et al. (US 3,099,191). Responsive thereto, applicants have amended claims 15 and 19 with additional features that better define that which applicants regard as the invention. Specifically, applicants have amended claim 15 to include that the cylindrical barrel member includes “a second end having a pair of spaced side surfaces, said spaced side surfaces disposed in abutting relationship to the tip” this is neither taught nor suggested by the Averette reference. Applicants respectfully submit that the cylindrical barrel member does not have a pair of spaced side surfaces Averette, furthermore the barrel member is not “disposed in abutting relationship to any portion of the tip”. Claim 15 as now amended does not include the recitation of having two radially extending arms..., further with the amendment of claim 14 it is believed that claims 15 and 16 add additional features to claim 14 which is now believed to be allowable over Averette. Regarding claim 19, this claim has been amended to include the additional step of “axially aligning a pair of spaced side surfaces of the cylindrical barrel member with a radially extending rib member of the mounting block”. The Averette reference does not teach or even suggest that the mounting block has “a radially extending rib member” and therefore does not anticipate that “a pair of spaced side surfaces of the cylindrical barrel member should be aligned with a radially extending rib member”. Applicants contend that the Averette reference does not teach all of

the features of claims 14, 15, 16 and 19 and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b).

The Examiner has rejected claims 17, 18 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Averette US 3,099,191. In view of the fact that claims 17, 18 and 20 are dependent upon claims 14 and 19 respectively, and herein applicants have amended claims 14 and 19 to include features that are not taught or suggested by Averette. Claims 17, 18 and 20 add additional features to the claims from which they depend and which are now believed to be in condition for allowance, Applicants contend that Averette does not set forth a proper prima facie basis for obviousness as set forth in MPEP 2143. Applicants therefore respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) of claims 17, 18 and 20.

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is in condition for allowance and allowance of the application at issue is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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